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SUBJECT: SENEGAL TO SUPPORT U.S. CANDIDATE IN UN HUMAN
RIGHTS COUNCIL ELECTION

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11. PolCouns met with the head of the Senegalese Foreign Ministry's UN Division, Mame Oumar Thiaw, on April 16th to request Senegalese support for the U.S. candidacy for a seat on the Human Rights Council per reftel. Thiaw welcomed the return of the United States to the UN Human Rights Council, opining that the participation of the United States would strengthen the Council. He also noted that the Senegal is running for re-election for the Council and expressed his hope that the United States would support Senegal's candidacy. Thiaw pointed out that there are several African candidates competing for a seat on the Council.

12. On April 24, the Senegalese Foreign Ministry informed the Embassy by dipnote that it intends to give its full support to the U.S. candidacy for one of the three seats open on the UN Human Rights Council.
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